

Serial No.: 10/007,509

REMARKS

Claims 1-80 and 85-91 are pending in the application. Claims 6-21, 27, 68-76 and 85-88 have been allowed. Claims 1-5, 22-26, 30-37, 67 and 89-91 have been rejected. Claims 81-84 previously had been canceled.

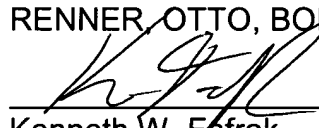
Claims 1-5, 22-26, 28-67, 77-80 and 89-91 have been canceled herein. Accordingly, all pending claims are believed to be allowable, and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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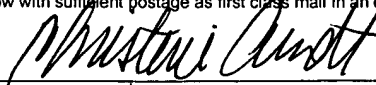
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